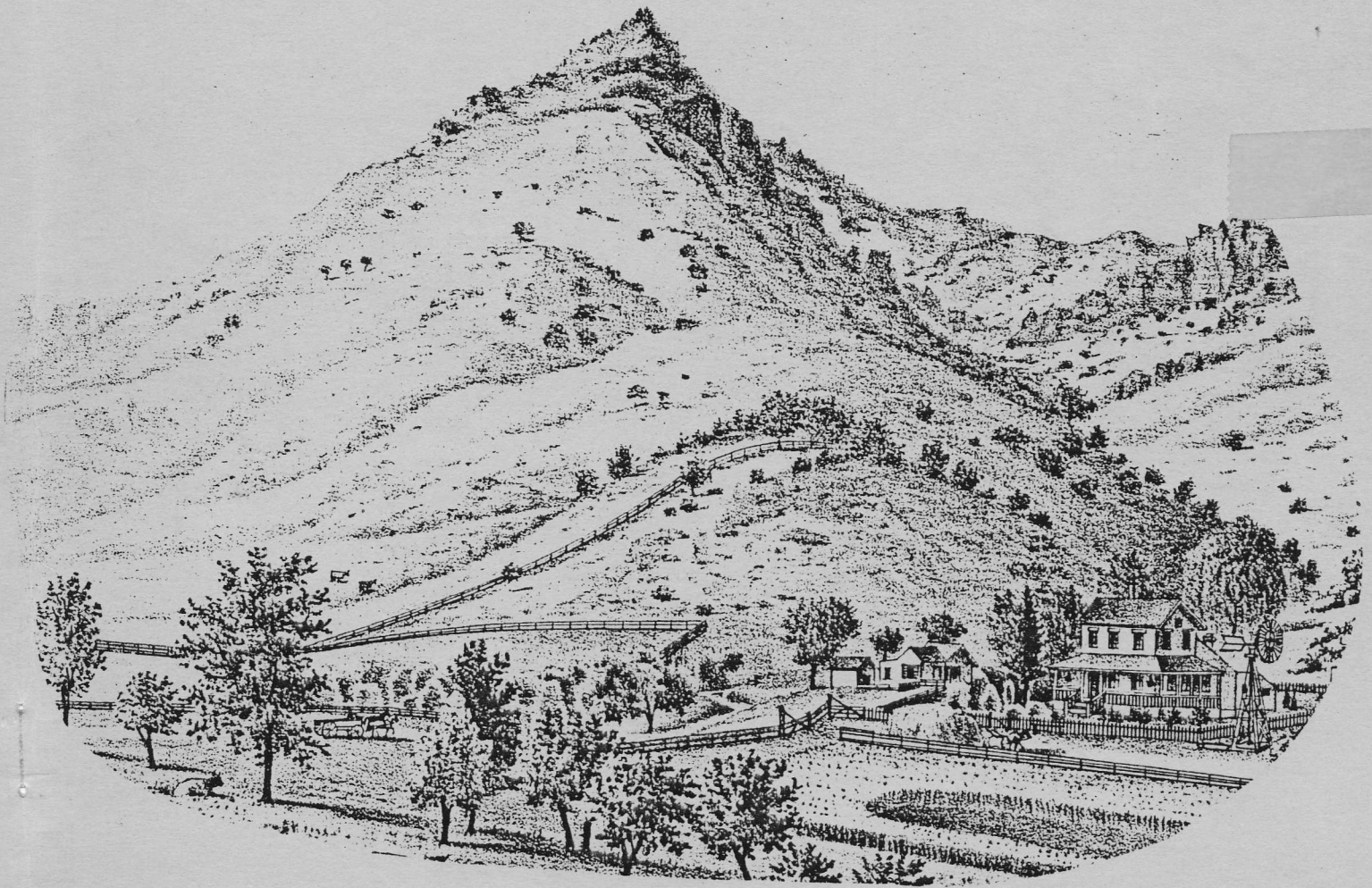


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The News Bulletin is published quarterly by the Society at Yuba City, California. The annual membership dues includes receiving the News Bulletin and the Museum's Muse News. At the April 1987 April Dinner Meeting it was voted to change the By-laws to combine the memberships of the Society and the Museum.

The 1989 dues are due as of January 1, 1989.

Student/Senior 70 years or older/Library	\$7.50
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SUTTER COUNTY HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1989 7:30 P.M.

SUTTER COUNTY FREE LIBRARY  
750 FORBES AVE. YUBA CITY

PROGRAM: HISTORY OF AGRICULTURE IN  
SUTTER COUNTY OVER THE LAST 100 YEARS  
SPEAKER: LOU GASCHKE, ASSISTANT  
SUTTER COUNTY AG. COMMISSIONER

## Director's Report

1989 is the year of the photograph. In 1839 Jacques Louis Mande Daguerre created the process that we now take for granted when we drop a roll of film off at the camera counter of our favorite department store to be developed : photography. To honor this great invention celebrations will take place all over the world. Here is our corner of the world the creation of the photographic process will not go unrecognized either. The exhibit schedule, at the Museum, for the upcoming year will explore various aspects of photography. From travel photography to nature photography to the early development of local stereoscopic photography, Museum exhibits will "focus" on the world seen through the camera lens.

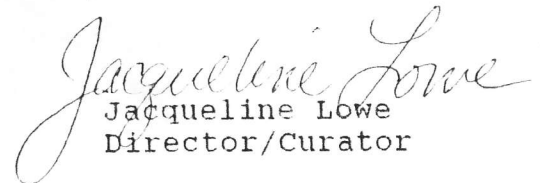
In February the Four Seasons Travel Agency will host a travel photo exhibit that will be on display at the Museum for the entire month. This exhibit should feature lots of exotic locales and far away places -- a great way to escape, if only in imagination, on those cold winter days. In March an exhibit by nature photographer, Jeff Lock, will be here to remind us that spring time is just around the corner.

May through July the Museum will play host to a very special exhibit that uses the photographs of well known photography and Woodleaf Director, John Hendrickson. The exhibit, "California Raptors", is designed to educate people about birds of prey using John's extraordinary photographs. The exhibit will be on loan from the Oakland Museum.

In September, "Double Vision : J.J. Reilly's Stereoscopic Odyssey from Niagara Falls to the Pacific Shore" will be here. Guest curated by photo-historian, Peter Palmquist, the exhibit will be highlighted by stereoscopic views of the Yuba-Sutter area taken by J.J. Reilly during his residence in Marysville in the 1870s. If adequate funding can be found a catalog will be produced to accompany the exhibit. This exhibit will run through November.

In the midst of all of these exhibits we hope to be able to bring in knowledgeable people to talk about the development and history of photography. It is a fascinating subject that is of interest to just about everyone who owns a camera. We hope that you will join us in celebrating the joys of photography.

SPECIAL NOTE : In the middle of January the Museum will be closed for one week while new carpet is installed. We regret any inconvenience that this may cause, but hope that you will be as pleased as we are to retire the thirteen year old carpet with something fresh and new.

  
Jacqueline Lowe  
Director/Curator

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### THE SUTTER BUTTES

A complete mountain range  
 Rising 2,000 feet above the valley floor  
 The Sutter Buttes are sprawled among the farmlands  
 Majestic in their own way  
 A quiet calm prevails  
 Looking down upon the graves  
 Only the songs of birds ring forth  
 There is an ever present intensity of the moment  
 Even a stalworth glance  
 Evokes longing  
 For the natural beauty  
 Inspired by the lay of the land

M.Morrissey-Uffelmann

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The American yew, a shrub commonly found around federal buildings, has the botanical name *Taxus taxus*!

(from the Home Testing Institute Panel Talk)

## IN MEMORIUM

Earl Ramey, the giant among Yuba-Sutter's history buffs, died this afternoon of pneumonia following a stroke. He was ninety-three.

Earl was a Missouri boy who left home to join the U.S. Marine Corps in World War I days. In the bitter action of Meuse-Argonne, he was severely wounded, and subsequently lost his left leg. On his recovery, he cast about for the best opportunity remaining to a handicapped veteran, and accepted a scholarship to Stanford University, from which he was recruited by the then Superintendent of the Marysville School System, Pedro Osuna, to teach history and mathematics.

A thrifty and innovative handyman, Earl Ramey improved the depression days of the thirties by assembling a crew of knowledgeable Mexicans and building himself an adobe hacienda on the west side of Yuba Street south of the high school in Marysville. He built authentically, even to shaping the roof tiles against his remaining leg to get the curvature the way old-timers did it. From his own forge came the hardware and hinges that he needed.

Behind his dwelling Earl kept a commodious dovecote, for he was an avid pigeon fancier, breeding and showing his birds successfully. Moreover, he could always be counted on to contribute an ample supply of roasted squabs to faculty social affairs.

Although somewhat shy, Earl was a man with varied enthusiasms. He was a witty storyteller, and a moving spirit behind the revival of E Clampus Vitus, the raucous group originated in the days of "49".

Earl Ramey was truly a research historian. During summer vacations from his teaching duties at Marysville High and Yuba College, he often combed the Spanish archives of Central American countries for background information on the movements of peoples during the early California period. He was a charter member and early supporter of the Sutter County Historical Society and edited and contributed numerous articles for this publication. He promoted and wrote the introduction to the 1974 edition of Thompson and West's History of Sutter County, California, making this fine historical volume once more available to local residents.

"The old order changeth, making place for the new", as Tennyson so aptly put it. Earl Ramey takes a large place as a participant and chronicler in local days that were.





The 1989 Bok Kai Festival and Parade is slated for March 11 and 12 with the 11th being the Parade and the 12th Bomb Day. The purpose of this Festival is to provide a cultural event which allows the entire community to observe and appreciate the traditions of an ethnic culture that has been an integral part of this area's local history.

The main objectives of this year's Bok Kai Festival Committee is to preserve the integrity of this historical event that is unique to our area. This Festival is an educational experience for all those that attend or participate, young and old alike. Community involvement is actively encouraged and is necessary to accomplish the goals as set forth by the Bok Kai Committee.

Plan to attend one of the 109th Bok Kai Festival functions this coming year (the Year of the Snake). You can get involved with this historical cultural activity by contacting the Sutter County Museum.

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# PLAT OF GARDEN ACRES

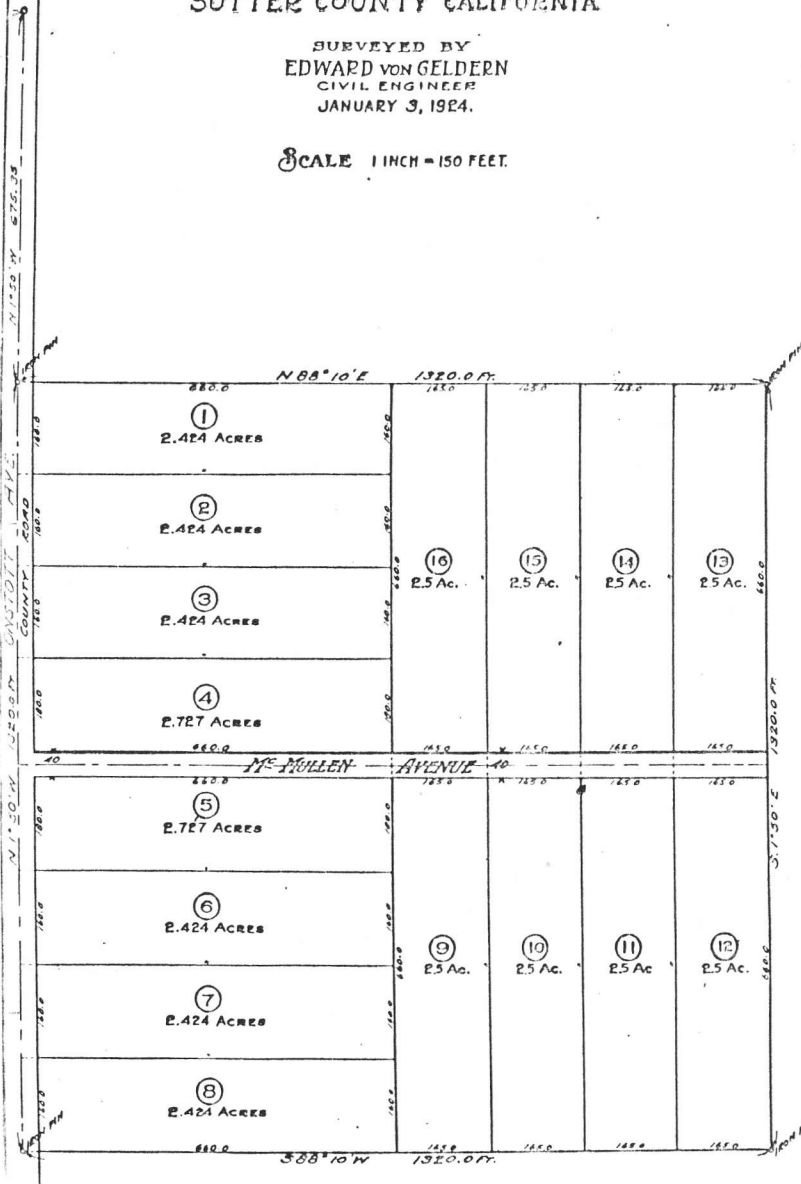
BEING A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF THE NORTHWEST  
QUARTER OF SECTION 15 T. 15 N., R. 3 E., M. D. B. & M.  
SUTTER COUNTY CALIFORNIA

SURVEYED BY  
**EDWARD VON GELDERN**  
CIVIL ENGINEER  
JANUARY 3, 1924.

SCALE 1 INCH = 150 FEET.

N. End of Subdivision of  
A PORTION OF THE STABLER TRACT.  
IRON PILE  
MARKING  
CONCRETE  
CORNER  
9, 10, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20  
M. D. B. & M.  
THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF  
SECTION 15, T. 15 N., R. 3 E.,  
SUTTER COUNTY CALIFORNIA.

SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION  
OF THE STABLER TRACT  
OFFICIAL PLAT OF RECORD IN BOOK 5 OF  
SURVEYS, PAGE 1, SUTTER COUNTY RECORDS



I, Edward von Geldern, a licensed Surveyor of the State of California hereby certify that this is a true and correct plat of GARDEN ACRES as the same was laid down and subdivided by me January 3, 1924.

*Edward von Geldern*  
STATE LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR

We the undersigned Jacob T. Onstott and Ella Onstott, his wife, hereby acknowledge that to be the official plat of GARDEN ACRES and subdivided in accordance with our instructions and we hereby dedicate to the public a public highway that certain road shown on the within plat and marked Mc Mullen Avenue.

*Jacob T. Onstott*  
*Ella Onstott*

On this 27th day of January in the year 1924 before me a Notary Public in and for said County personally appeared Jacob T. Onstott and Ella Onstott, his wife known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

*Jacob T. Onstott*  
*Ella Onstott*

We, the undersigned Lizzie Onstott and the Decker-Jewett Bank hereby consent to the making and filing of this plat and agree to the public use of the public highway that certain road shown on the within plat and marked Mc Mullen Avenue.

*Lizzie Onstott*  
**DECKER-JEWETT BANK**  
by *W. H. Garden* Cashier

On this 27th day of January in the year 1924 before me Florence M. Hamilton a Notary Public in and for said County personally appeared Lizzie Onstott and W. H. Garden and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

I, H. C. Flanery, Auditor of the County of Sutter do hereby certify that there are no liens for unpaid State and County or other taxes except those not yet payable against the lots of land known as GARDEN ACRES as the same is shown on the within plat.

*H. C. Flanery*  
AUDITOR OF THE COUNTY OF SUTTER

We, the undersigned do hereby certify that we have examined each and every lot shown on the within plat of GARDEN ACRES as to their value for residence, commercial and agricultural uses and found the said lots to be of high residential, commercial and agricultural value. We therefore suggest and recommend that the within plat be approved and accepted as presented. DATED JANUARY 8, 1924.

*W. H. Hamilton*  
COUNTY ASSISTANT OF SUTTER CO.

Submitted by the City Engineer of the Town of Yuba City to the Board of Trustees of said Town with his approval and approved by the said Board of said Town of Yuba City on this 7th day of January 1924.

ATTEST: *W. H. Hamilton* COUNTY ASSISTANT OF SUTTER CO.  
*W. H. Hamilton* COUNTY ASSISTANT OF SUTTER CO.  
The Board of Supervisors of the County of Sutter have by resolution duly and regularly passed by said Board accepted and approved the within plat as the official plat of GARDEN ACRES and have accepted in behalf of the Public as a public highway that certain road shown on the within plat and marked Mc Mullen Avenue this 8th day of January 1924.

FILED AND RECORDED AT THE REQUEST OF  
*Edward von Geldern* this 14th DAY OF FEBRUARY 1926  
AT 5:00 MINUTES PAST 3 O'CLOCK P. M. IN BOOK 5 OF SURVEYS  
PAGE 11 SUTTER COUNTY RECORDS  
RECORDED BY SUTTER COUNTY

## SUTTER COUNTY'S FIRST SUBDIVISION

Subdivisions are a common property transaction in this day and age but sixty five years ago it was an unknown factor.

At that time in question the Sutter County area was totally agriculture and truly the Peach Bowl of the World. East, West, South and North on each road, as far as one could see, were peach orchards. The land was owned by old named families, who had either settled, homesteaded or purchased these properties and had farmed them for years.

The banks were these farmers good friend, lending them the necessary monies it took to finance their farm operation. The bank interest was low and many farmers never cleared their debt yearly, but would borrow on top of the year before. This function was principally the bank's biggest investment.

Then in the 1920's when the banks began feeling a pinch and knew trouble was brewing, they began foreclosing on farmers forcing many, so heavily in debt, to either lose their land to the bank or to sell at a low price. Many large acreages changed hands during the next ten to fifteen years.

One of these farmers was Jake Onstott. His father, John, at one time owned all the property from Colusa Highway to near Pease Road on Onstott Road.

As John Onstott's three sons returned from college and/or married this large ranch was divided between the father and the sons. Homes were built on each portion and Onstott families began to be raised.

John Onstott Jr's property was on the south-west corner of Butte House Road and ran to Colusa Highway.

George Onstott's property was on the east side of Onstott Road from Butte House Road south to Colusa Highway.

Jake Onstott's property was the east side of Onstott Road next to George's and continuing north to across from their father's home.

After the banks began foreclosing on the long overdue debts they found they were land poor.

In 1924 Jake Onstott presented an idea to the bank which they approved. Rather than lose his property to the bank or sell it at a loss and be forced to move he would portion part of his land into farm

property for himself keeping his drying shed and orchard and the rest would be divided into family plots of two and a half acre lots facing Onstott Road. He then built a road in the middle of the peach orchard going east off Onstott Road and again divided the property into four lots on each side of this new road which he called McMullen Avenue.

Among others, young families of the Pacific Gas & Electric Co. became aware of this property and began buying up the lots and building their homes.

Property owners were as follows:

Mr & Mrs Reuben Seagren of P. G. & E. (who still live there)

Mr & Mrs Lloyd Lane who's lot was later owned by Oren Moore

Mr & Mrs Dutch young who sold to Mr & Mrs W. J. (Dutch) Rainville of P.G.& E.

Mr & Mrs Frank (Dutch) Johnson of P. G. & E.

Mr & Mrs G. W. Keeseey

Mr & Mrs Sheldon

Mr Harry Sheldon of P. G. & E.

Mr & Mrs Ralph Coleman. He was a Sutter High School teacher

Mr & Mrs JaCK Frederick of P. G. & E.

Mr & Mrs Whitcomb James. She was a sister of Jack Frederick

Mr & Mrs Cary P. Taylor of P. G. & E.


Mr & Mrs Lowell Haynes a Hust Bros employee who may have bought his from Steve Hust.

Mr & Mrs Robert Morris of Sutter Orchard Supply. Their house later burned and they built south of the High School in Yuba City

Several lots did not sell right away and Jake used those closest to his home to spread the drying trays of fruit during the summer.

On the corner of each plot on McMullen frontage Jake Planted an acacia tree which blooms with yellow flowers in the spring. From Onstott Road looking east it looked like a large yellow bouquet. People from Yuba City and Marysville would drive out on Sunday to see this little development.

This first Sutter County subdivision Mr Onstott named Garden Acres and was the place I Called home.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Rainville". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page.

IN THE APRIL BULLETIN OF 1985 WE RAN "LETTERS TO COUSIN MARKY"  
HE WAS MARCUS THEODORE BUCHANAN, WHO WAS A COUSIN OF GOLDER  
AND JOSEPHINE DEWITT.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE CONTAINS LETTERS TO CLARRISA BUCHANAN  
FROM HER SISTER, HULDA A. BLISS OF SOUTH BUTTE, CALIFORNIA 1884 -  
1889.

(the next to last letter is dated 1881 but should read 1887. Handwriting in  
those days was sometimes hard to read. Please forgive the typist)

South Butte Cal, Dec 1884

Dear Sister

As I thought perhaps you would like to hear from us by this time so thought I would drop you a few lines. We are all well and hope this will find you all the same. Clinton's folks are the same as usual. I have been there once since you went away, but Mate has not been here since you was here, Josie was here last week. The men are busy putting in grain but it is rather hard work for it is so dry, but I think the month of Nov was delightfull for the weather was so nice. Will is still away carpentering the same as when Marcus was here, he has been to MR THOMPSONS three weeks next Thursday he expects to finish there this week, AB. BRITTAN & MOLLIE COPE were married 2 weeks ago and went to keeping house right away MRS DAVIS has a boy one week old, and MRS MARY STOKES has another girl MR LISLE took JESSIE to the Insane Asylum at Napa 3 weeks ago they could do nothing with her themselves for she got traving crazy it is a hard blow on them We have not heard from Lon only by the way of Grace since you was here they were the same as usual but Sue does not get any better. Grace & Nellie have both been down to Monterey Well I do not know as I have any more news to write this time now I hope to hear from you as soon convenient for I want to hear from you very much.

From yours Sister

Huldah A Bliss

Coras goes to school and  
learns fast

HURRAH FOR CLEVELAND

South Butte Cal, Mar23/85

Dear Sister

I now sit down once more to write you a few lines, and hope this will find you both well we received Marcus letter in due time and was very sorry to learn that you had been so sick and wish that I could have stepped in and helped you, Marcus did not say what was the matter with you, hope you got well soon, We are all well now but have been having very hard colds, but that has been the general complaint around here. MRS. BRITTANS health has been poor all winter JIM and WIFE have gone to Kansas will be gone 3 or 4 months Clints folks have been complaining more or less all winter about the same as usual untill yesterday. Golder was taken with a chill yesterday morning and had to go to bed and kept growing worse so that they sent for the Doctor in the night--he came, and says he is threatened with a fever he is a pretty sick boy I hope it will be nothing serious

I suppose you hear once in a while from Sacramento Sue does not seem to get much better for she does not get out of bed only as they lift her out and in, it must be quite a task for Lon and the girls Charley is quite well for he is to the Office nearly every day and intends to go East in May

Alice has got back to Sacramento and has gone to dressmaking in the same rooms she had before she went away she came back alone what she has done with her husband I have not heard, she says she has come to stay, I do not know that I have any more news to write that has happened wince Marcus was here, so Good bye for this time, now let us hear from you soon

(Love to you both)

From your Sister

Huldah, A. Bliss,

Marcus we have a bell in the church Steple it is a big one 32 in across

South Butte Cal Janurary 25-1886

Dear Sister Clair

Thinking you would like to hear from us once more I will now drop you a few lines We are all well and hope this will find you both enjoying the same Clints folks are all the same as usual I saw Mate last Friday at the Church to (Brittan Girdner's) funeral he was buried by the Odd Fellows

We had a letter from Sacramento last week they was all quite well Nellie was up to Ben Jones went before Christmas was having a good time Lon is very busy most of the time Did not say anything about Charley

We had a very hard storm both of wind and rain the past week the wind did a great deal of damage for it blew a gale it did not do any damage for us but did all around us for Wind mills, Barns, fences and trees went and Saturday it rained in torrents the Branch in the road above us overflowed and the water came down by our house like a river and up under our front Porch it is all sand and Slickens in front of our house now The roads are almost impassable now

We had a Christmas Tree here to the Church Christmas Eve but it was a very stormy night and there was not many out Will, Cora, and I spent Christmas and New Years home by ourselves both were very unpleasant days Cora goes to school and she grows very fast this winter

Mrs Brittan is quite well for her this Winter her dooeyard is all slickens now she dont like that much well Clair I do not know that I have anything more in particulat to write this time now do write soon for I want to hear from you iff you donot feel able to write get Marcus too

Love to you both,

Your Sister .

Huldah A. Bliss

Maddie Conklin's Wife has a little girl, born 4 month after Maddie was killed she call it Nellie Matt



South Butte Cal June 4/85

Dear Sister

I thought I would write you a few lines once more to let you know how we were all getting along. We are well and hope this will find you all the same I have not much news to write for Marcus saw Clint so lately in town that I suppose he told all that was of any account We have been looking for you down here for the last ten days and thinking perhaps you were not quite ready to come I thought I would just drop you a few lines to let you know the sad news we received yesterday It was this, that Meddie Conklin was killed instantly by a bolt of lightning him and team the 15 day of May while he was sowing grain with a seeder on his farm in Dakota His wife and Eddie took his remains back to Woodstock for burial His life was insured for \$2000 I tell you, Clair, I think that Will and Han will take it very hard I feel sorry too for I always thought Maddie was a good boy

Josie and Marky went to Sacramento last Saturday Sue does not seem to get much better they have had the Doctor for her nearly every day for 4 months Charley is better went East last month don't know when we will see Lon again for he can not leave very well now I shoud like very luch to go and see Lon and Sue but oan not tell when it will be Will is busy this week fixing Ab. Brittans machine

Dick Fictor's wife has a boy nearly 2 weeks (looks a little strange)

Golder commenced heading this week he is not able to do anything much makes him feel rather blue of course

I do not know as I have anything more in particular to write but what I suppose you already know Hoping to see you soon

write soon

From your Sister

love to you and Marcus

Huldah A Bliss

Mates health is not very good about the same as usual, she has been wanting to come and see you

South Butte Cal Apr 29 1886

Dear Sister

I now sit down to answer your Letter which I had intended to do some time ago but simply neglected to do it, We are all quite well now, but have all been having hard c colds, I hope this will gind you and Marcus well, we were very glad to hear from you once more and also to hear that you was well for health is everytbbhing As for Clints folks thwy seem to be the same as usual some of them sick most of the time, Golder has been able to do his own ploughing this spring when we heard from Sac a few weeks ago they were the same as usual with the exception of Lon he was quite miserable, and that Nellie had not got home yet but expected her back in 2 weeks,

Our School closes tomorrow and then the children will not know what to do with themselves for a while, Florence and her Grand Ana went to Gridley yesterday

Mr Lisle had to take Mrs Lisle to the "Insane Asylum" 3 weeks ago she was very crazy worxe than before, Jessie is home now, has been home 2 months she seems allright but dows not look so, the girls keep house,

Jim Brittan's wife has a boy baby and they have moved down by the store we have been having lots of rain and the grass and grain look fine particularly the grass Well Clair I do not think of any news in particular to write, for we have not heard from any of the Folks in sometime and the weather has been so bad that we have not been any where, Nate was here and spent the day last Friday, I suppose iff nothing happens you will be down here in a few weeks and than we will have a good visit, no more this time, Love to you both

From your Sister

Cora sends Love  
to you,

Huldah A Bliss

Write soon

South Butte Cal June 24 1886

Dear Sister

As I thought perhaps you would like to hear from us by this time, so thought I would drop you a few lines, We are all well, and hope this will find you the same, The DeWitts are all as well as usual with the exception of Wate she is miserable she went to the Doctor's last week, for her limb got so that it pained her very bad and gave her no rest the Doctor says it comes from her Nerves, so gave her some medicine for them, it has eased her pain but still she is miserable, I was up there a week ago to day, she had to lie down most of the time, and Clint was here today he said she did not seem to get well like she ought too, If nothing prevents I shall go and see her in the morning, they are nearly through heading will get done this week Josie had a Letter from Gracie Sunday she said they were about the same as usual, and that Lou was quite poorly for a few days after his trip up here, no news in particular, Will has just got through fixing threshing machines, done last night, so is home at present,

Well Clair I am going to tell you some news, I seed a Letter Monday from, Rosetta Ellis, or, Fryer, it used to be and she wanted to know what had become of you and Marens and wanted your P.O. address, for she wanted to write to you she found out mine by writting to Hannah, I shall write to her in a day or two, so you will be likely to get a Letter from her soon, she lives in Dakota, Mary Ann Fryer is Dead she Died 3 years ago last month Rosetta says she misses her Mother very much, and what do you think, Ike is married again, I dont think Rosetta fancies that much she said her Pa was coming to see her in a few weeks, Rosetts oldest girl Flora is maeried and lives to Council Bluffs, and her other girl goes to School, and her boy Frank is a Printer in the town where they live she did not say anything about her Husband wether he was dead or alive but did not

talk as though she had any, for she told about her and Frank  
and Nina living by themselves in Town, and told about  
having a nice Farm  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles out of town, she lives in  
"Aberdeen Brown Co Dakota"

Well Clair think I will stop for this time, for the Thermometer  
is a 100, and that is warm enough to be comfortable  
Cora sends Love to you,

Good bye for this time  
From your Sister

Love to you  
and Marcus

Huldah A Bliss

Write soon

South Butte Aug 22, 1886  
Cal

Dear Sister

I now will just drop you a few lines to let you know how we all are Our little family is well Cora and I are pretty lonesome for Will is helping Mr Tucker build Mr Noyes house. and comes home Saturday night and goes back Sunday night Clint and Mate and Josie have gone to Monterey they stoped to Sacramento for some of them to go with them, Lon and Sue iff they could but Sue thought she could not stand the trip so Grace and Lizzie went with them they hired a cottage and keeping house we heard from them last week Mate didnot seem any better then, but she had not been there long enough to tell much about it she was very miserable when she went away from home I hope it will help her and perhaps it will Golder and Florence keep busy looking after everything. Ed came along about noon yesterday and said you wanted to hear very much from Mate I should have written to you the first of the week any way for I supposed you wanted to hear I do not know of any thing new since Marcus was here so will not write anymore this time but will write soon Let me hear from you as often as you can

Love to you both  
From your Sister  
Huldah A Bliss

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Following letter in same envelope  
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Monday Afternoon  
Aug 23 1886

Florence has just been to the P.O. and she got a Letter from Clint he said that after Mate got rested from her journey that she seemed to feel better but her limb pains

her pretty bad by spells she baths is every night with  
sea water to see iff it will help her the rest of them  
was well and that they had a pleasant place to stay in  
Good bye for this time

Huldah

South Butte Cal Sept 20 /86

Dear Sister

Once more I have the privalege of writting to you, I have kept putting it off thinking that I would have more news to write you, 2 weeks ago Mary was quite poorly so that they thought best to employ a Doctor, they got a Lady Doctor that was there, and Golder had a Letter from them 5 days ago and Mary said that the Doctor was helping her for she had taken nearly all the soreness and swelling out of her limb, I hope that she will continue to help her, Mary seemed to feel some encouraged I do not know when they will come home I suppose not untill the weather gets cooler, it has been pretty warm here the last few days, in fact it seems as though we had not had much else but warm weather for 2 months, and we are all getting rather tired of it.

We are all well and hope this will find you all the same I should like very much to come and spend a few days with you but do not know wether I can or not this Fall

Will is still to Mr Noyes but thinks they will get done this week, Cora and I get pretty lonesome

Golder and Family keep well and keep busy too, I presume they will be glad when Clint and Mary get home, Grace and Lizzie was down to Monterey with them but they went home 2 weeks ago

Our school commences next Monday with Mr Evenger for teacher, Golder and Mr Saye have been busy for the past week cleaning out the well and trying to get water at the school house I believe they think now that they will succeed and I hope they will. I believe this is all the news in particular that I have to write this time for every thing is quiet nowadays

From your Sister

(Write soon)

Love to you both

Huldah A Bliss

South Butte Cal Feb 6 1881

Sunday Eve,

Dear Sister

As I thought perhaps you would like to hear from us by this time again, I will now drop you a few lines, and hope this will find you all well we are well with the exception of some colds. The DeWitt families are about the same as usual I think Golder is improving in health he has done his own work so far and seems to stand it first-rate Mate does not seem to change much one way or the other, some days worse then better she can not walk around much her limbs are to weak to carry her very long at a time so Josie has the house work to do but Mate does a considerable sewing. she does not come to see me very often for it is hard for her to get out and in the wagon and some times it is hard for her to ride, I dont know as she ever will get much, better time will tell, I should have written to you soon after I sent the Cap but Will saw Marcus in town so thought you would hear how we all were and all other news in particular so thought I would wait a few days, Marcus said you got the cap all right now Clair dont lay it up but put it on and wear it, I intended it for Christmas but heard you thought of coming down, we looked for you all that week but was not much surprised that you did not come for the weather did look doubtful, but did not storm then after all, We have Just had a 2 days storm, yesterday and day before, the ground is pretty wet now, the Buttes was white with snow yesterday morning and there is a good deal on yet to night I rec'd a Letter from Rossetta Ellis about 3 weeks ago she and Family were well, her Daughter Flora the one that is Married has a baby a son, she says she has wrote to you and Marcus but has not rec'd any reply and seems anxious to hear from you, she did not say any thing about her Father or Sister Mary or Husband either she has never said wether he was dead or alive,



We have not heard from Leon's folks for 3 weeks  
they were about the same only Gracie health was very poor  
and Sue seems to be better this winter  
Cora goes to school and learns pretty well this winter  
and grows like a weed, Will is not doing anything for  
there is nothing much doing now, I do not think of any  
thing more in particular to write this time so Good bye  
for this time, now try and write soon  
Love to you both)

From your Sister

Huldah A Bliss

Sutter City Cal June 23/89

Dear Sister Clair

I thought I would just set down and write you a letter, the reason I have not written before since Marcus was down here, was because we was in hopes you would come down to see us but now that it is getting so warm we have give it up. So thought I would write you a few lines this morning. We are all well and hope this will find you the same.

Clintons folks are all pretty well for them they are Harvesting now, The and Lizzie are here yet I do not know when they will go away, but before long I think, The is talking of coming up to see you, and wether Clint & Mate will both go to is more than I can tell, We would like very much to come and see you but dont see how we can just at present I have about 90 little Chickens to take care off, We was all very much disappointed because you did not get down here this Spring, The's health is much better than it was when he came here, and I think he likes the country well, Will is not at work just now but expects to very soon, The new Rail R grade is built from Yuba City to the edge of Sutter City the rails are not laid yet but I suppose will be before long, I do not know as I have any more news to write this time,so Good bye.

(now let us hear from)

From your Sister

(you soon)

Huldah A. Bliss